

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, With the passing of William Max Hale of Austin on
2 March 17, 2006, at the age of 70, the Lone Star State has lost an
3 eloquent enemy of injustice in its many forms, and we join his
4 family, friends, and many admirers in mourning his loss; and

5 WHEREAS, Originally from the Texas Panhandle, Mr. Hale was
6 deeply involved with the civil rights movement of the 1960s,
7 working at the Mobilization for Youth program in New York and
8 marching in the southern U.S. with Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.; and

9 WHEREAS, His love of justice joined with the love of his home
10 state in his work as the head of the Fort Worth Human Relations
11 Commission and in his essential contributions to the passage of the
12 Texas Fair Housing Act and the Texas Commission on Human Rights Act;
13 and

14 WHEREAS, Mr. Hale was a fitting choice to serve as the first
15 executive director of the Texas Human Rights Commission, a post he
16 held for 17 years, and he brought to this demanding and worthwhile
17 work his characteristic energy and intelligence; and

18 WHEREAS, Dedicated to the cause that shaped the course of his
19 life, he also served as chair of the Austin Human Rights Commission
20 and as president of the International Association of Official Human
21 Rights Agencies; and

22 WHEREAS, Though at the center of public events for many
23 years, Mr. Hale was also a devoted family man, and his public
24 persona as a relentless seeker of justice is complemented by his

1 loved ones' view of him as a caring husband, father, and
2 grandfather; and

3 WHEREAS, Those individuals who seek to change society for the
4 better are truly deserving of our sincere admiration, and Bill
5 Hale's steadfast insistence that the highest ideals of our nation
6 are not only possible but necessary helped to ensure a better and
7 brighter world for every succeeding generation of Texans; now,
8 therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
10 Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the life of
11 William Max Hale and extend sincere sympathy to the members of his
12 family: to his wife, Karen; to his children, Mathis Hale and Lisa
13 Coody; to his grandchildren, Britton, Paige, and Jace; to his
14 daughter-in-law, Donna, and his son-in-law, Jesse; to his sister
15 and two brothers; and to his other relatives and many friends; and,
16 be it further

17 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
18 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
19 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of William Max
20 Hale.

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H.R. No. 685

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 685 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on May 15, 2006.

Chief Clerk of the House